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Applicants: Shigeru KAWAHARA, et al.

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FORMATION OF STABLE CRYSTALS OF ASPARTAME  
DERIVATIVE

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Respectfully submitted,

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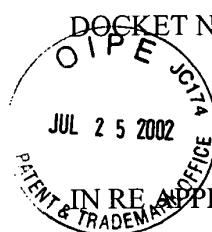


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On June 28, 2002, Applicants timely filed a response to the Official Action dated December 28, 2001. In that response, Applicants cited the results of certain experiments carried out by one of the present inventors, Shigeru Kawahara. Applicants are filing herewith the duly executed Declaration of Mr. Kawahara, to present these experiments and results in declaratory form.

Applicants again submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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